

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph [1] at page 1 line 4 with the following:

5           [01] It is common in microprocessor-based electronic equipment to include two or more interconnected printed circuit boards, often including a main circuit board having a main controller or microprocessor (after termed the “motherboard” or “host”) and one or more connected daughtercards. In many electronic devices, some or all of the daughterboards ~~daughterboards~~ may themselves be “intelligent, i.e., may have their own  
10 programmable controllers.

Please replace paragraph [19] at page 3 line 1 with:

          [02] The invention will now be described, by way of example, not limitation, with reference to particular embodiment. In the following an embodiment of the invention, depicted in Fig.1, is implemented in the context of a WAN Interface Card (WIC)  
15 10 manufactured and designed by the assignee of the present invention. The host 12 is an MPC860 which is a one-chip integrated microprocessor and peripheral combination used as a controller in, for example, networking and communications applications. Both ~~Both~~ the MPC860 and WIC include serial communication controllers (SCCs).